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**■ HEALTH CARE** 

### Mayors choose Hwy. 140 as hospital site

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THOROLD - Niagara's southern mayors have decided where they want a new hospital to be built And one of the two preferred sites is on Welland's east side, at the top

of Hwy. 140. Regional Chair Gary Burroughs announced on Thursday, June 14 at regional council that the mayors have shortlisted two sites for a new hospital recommended by provincially appointed Niagara Health System supervisor Kevin Smith, Hwy, 140 and East Main St. in Welland is one of the preferred sites.

The mayors are also eveing Lyons Creek Rd. at the QEW in Niagara Falls. Smith had given the mayors a June 15 deadline to come up with a unanimous decision.

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**BERND FRANKE Staff Photo** 

Sarah Airhardt, from left, junior female sportsperson; Jazmin Kikkert-Labeau, junior female; Sarah Hiseler, senior female, Blue Bear Award; Stephen Toepp, senior male; Jacob Roy, Junior male; and Justin Romanyk, senior male sportsperson; were among the top award winners Tuesday night at Port High's athletic

### **Bull market** for Bears

BERND FRANKE InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE - This year's Port High athletic banquet was about the appetizer as much as it was about the main course.

While the Tuesday, June 12 event in the school cafeteria was highlighted by the presentation of school and team awards to student athletes who made an impact during the 2011-12 season, the immediate future was also foreshadowed, much to the delight of the coaches at the high school

Basketball should again be big next year, thanks to a junior girls team that dominated the competition on the way to capturing the Zone 3 and Southern Ontario Secondary Schools Association championships. The players, whom head coach Scott Grover called the "best junior team in Ontario," will be returning with more experience and the goal of adding to that remarkable resume.

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#### **ATHLETICS**

### Ministry of Health to review decision

Niagara's southern tier

Such a move would see

FROM PAGE 1 "Although we are unanimous in our selection of a preferred area, this is merely a recommendation," cautioned Burroughs. He said the decision still has to go through the Ministry of Health on whether a new hospital is even built to serve

the closure of hospitals in in the jayelin Welland, Port Colborne, Fort Erie and Niagara Falls, according to Smith's recommendations released in recent report about the delivery of NHS services.

The recommendations are conditional, though, on the gold medal urgent care centres staying open in Port Colborne and

Fort Erie. Burroughs said the mayors have met with him five throw of 37.85 metres. times since Smith made his recommendations He said Niagara Region

staff weighed in with information on the sites. Everything from population density to emergency call volumes and drive times was factored into the decision, Burroughs said.

See more in Saturday's Trihune

# **Personal best awarded**

#### FROM PAGE 1

Track and field coaches likewise can't wait for Jazmin Kikkert-Labeau. who won a silver medal as a junior in discus at the Ontario championships, to be back on the team in her first year at the senior level. Kikkert-Labeau. who was also one of the Blue Bears' go-to girls on the title-winning basketball squad, is considered a legitimate two-sport threat as she also qualified to compete at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations

(OFSAA) championships Coach Dave Adamek suggested had it not been for a Toronto competitor's "once-in-a-lifetime throw of 39 metres in the final. Kikkert-Labeau would have returned home with

"Nine out of 10 years, that's going to win OFSAA," Adamek said of Kikkert-Labeau's final

Even if they're not successful in the win column, they're successful because they represent themselves and the school well."

Andrew Longley

Not only are they good athletes who represented the school well, they also showed sportsmanship and fair play."

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Kikkert-Labeau, who achieved four personal bests at the three-day competition that wrapped un Saturday in Brockville. was one of three Port High athletes competing at OFSAA. Lucas Mann-Clattenburg placed fifth in discus, with only his first foot fault of the year preventing him from finishing

sixth in the discus. Port High failed to advance to the baseball playoffs, losing a tiebreaker for the final berth. but the Blue Bears did win a consolation prize on the diamond by beating crosstown rival Lakeshore Catholic for the third time

in the money, and Ilyssa

Boisvenue, who finished

in four years. "Personal best" was a theme that was repeated throughout the evening as coaches selected most valuable players and the key contributors who went home with Coaches Award for fair play and

sportsmanship. Andrew Longley, who is completing his first year as head of the athletic department since coming to Port High from West Park, said success isn't

just measured in the "win

column. "Even if they're not successful in the win column. they're successful because

they represent themselves and the school well. He was proud of this vear's student athletes.

"Not only are they good athletes who represented the school well, they also showed sportsmanship and fair play.

Teacher Barclay Walker, coach of the senior girls basketball team, praised his players for their commitment to the team. "It's not an easy thing

to do, to juggle all these aspects of your life," he said of the need to balance academics with athletics and, for some, part-time

Longley likewise was impressed by the commitment made by the handful of students who came out and stayed for the entire senior boys basketball

season

"We only had seven play ers at the end, but they are probably the seven most dedicated players I've ever

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### ATHI FTIC ACHIEVEMENT

Following are the school and team awards presented Tuesday night at Port Colborne High School's annual athletic banquet:

ATHLETES OF THE YEAR enior male: Stephen Toepp nior female: Sarah Hiseler

Junior male: Jacob Roy Junior female: Jazmin Kikkert-Labeau enior sportsperson, male: Justin Romanyk enior sportsperson, female: Samantha Redmond

Junior sportsperson, male: Russell James Junior sportsperson, female: Sarah Airhardt Blue Bear Award: Sarah Hiseler

### Badminton: Mary Meleg. Justin Romanyk, most valuable

Baseball, boys: Corey Coers, most valuable player: David Shulz, Coaches Award

Basketball, junior boys: Chris Roome, Brandon Terdik, most Basketball, junior girls: entire team, most valuable players
Basketball, senior boys: Stephen Toepp, most valuable

player; Kyle Wittmaier, Coaches Award Basketball, senior girls: Kate Williams, most valuable player; Sara Forbes, Sarah Hiseler, Coaches Award

Cross-country: Daniel Burke, Shannen Weaver, most valuable Football: Corey Coers, most valuable player; Justin Romanyk, Coaches Award Hockey, boys: Owen Bellehumeur, most valuable player;

Jonathan Dick, Coaches Award Rowing: Riley Beaudin, oarsman of the year; Noah DeRoy, Coaches Award

Slo-pitch, girls: Samantha Redmond, most valuable player; Alicia Madere, Coaches Award

Soccer, boys: Ian McKinnon, most valuable player; Trevor Stewart, Coaches Award

Soccer, girls: Sarah Hiseler, most valuable player: Christie Boychuck, Coaches Award Track and field: Jazmin Kikkert-Labeau, Lucas Mann-

Clattenburg, most valuable Volleyball, junior boys: Padraic Birell, Ethan Vanden

Boogaard, Coaches Award

/ball, junior girls: Emily Chaytor, most valuable player; Olivia Carr, Coaches Award

Volleyball, senior girls: Lindsey Riedke, most valuable player; College Matthews, Coaches Award







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### OPTIMISTS' DAY IN THE PARK



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An American Bald Eagle from Skyhunters Birds of Prey was a featured attraction at the Day in the Park.



Jesse Adams from Niagara Antique Power Association gives a ride to Emma Worral of Welland, her sister Maya and Matthew Robyn of Port Colborne.



Participants toss balloons as part of the eighth annual Optimists' Day in the Park.



A Great Horned Owl that turned 20 years old this weekend from Skyhunters Birds of Prey.

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## We need a ban on bans

While we applied Vic Toews' plans to abolish back-door gun registries in provinces across the country, it seems one politician still doesn't get it

In the wake of the Eaton Centre shooting, Toronto councillor Adam Vaughan has proposed a total ban on all guns and bullets within city limits. This is wrong for many reasons

Guns are already regulated. Many are illegal and those that aren't all come with some regulations.

including licence requirements. Vaughan's proposed "ban" on guns and bullets will do nothing to stop violent street crime. It's a cynical political move intended to be seen to be doing

something rather than actually making a difference. Canada wasn't forged with the same fighting spirit that the United States was. That's one of the reasons we don't have similarly worded Second Amendment rights. Unfortunately, we don't view government with the same wariness as Americans do.

But it's not unreasonable for gun owners -- and non-owners -- to wonder aloud why big government politicians and nanny state entbusiasts are so interested in exploiting a public catastrophe and using it as a straw man argument. Why do they so desperately want

to take guns out of the hands of law-abiding citizens? Because this is just one more example of politicians not understanding the point of the lawmaking process. They think they've been put into office to tell us bow to live our lives and to subject us to their personal opinions. They don't understand that laws are supposed to be crafted with a view to maximizing liberties. Do most people in Toronto need firearms? Probably

not. But they don't need plastic bags either. New Yorkers don't need to drink sodas larger than 16 ounces, to reference a law their mayor wants to enact Most of the things we have and do are not necessities. But what business is it for the government to decide

that for us? It's up to us. Not arrogant liberty grinches like Vaughan We've got just one question for politicians across

Canada who yearn for back door registries and outright bans: After you're done busying yourself using our money and liberties to enact silly bans, do you think you might have enough time left to go after the real criminals?

**■ COLUMN** 

## No small joy in coming home

ave you ever heard the saying,
"You can't cross the same river

What this means is that even the simplest place or person changes over a period of time.

This past June I returned home to Port Colborne after my nine month tourist visa that allowed me to live abroad in Italy expired. My days of coin tossing into the Trevi Fountain and licking melting gelato off of my fingers are now

On the one hand, I was sad to leave beautiful Rome and say goodbye to the friends I'd made in the past year, but on the other, I was happy to return home. A lot of people were perplexed at my feelings about coming home, because

as a very close friend of mine put it. "How do you go from Rome, which was once considered the centre of the entire universe, to Port Colborne?" No matter where a person comes

from, home is home. Although Port Colborne may not have the hottest bar scene or even a bowling alley, it's where I learned how to ride a bike, the city in which my parents reside, and the place that I am most familiar with in the After spending a year away, I have



MichElle Pressé

done some observation and have concluded that, indeed, one cannot cross the same river twice, for that river now has a wellness centre and a bald eagle's nest looming close by. But besides that, the river doesn't appear to have changed too much.

And that is a compliment, for who doesn't enjoy being in a city full of smiling faces and the option of dining at three Tim Hortons? It's hard to complain about that, especially while they are still serving their irresistible cheese bagels (something that Italy lacks, but makes up for in pizza).

All in all, the city of Port Colborne itself has not undergone any major changes. But I find myself walking around the city with a new spark of curiosity, for no matter how little a city changes, its people always do. I see familiar faces and shopkeepers, and wonder what changes their lives have undergone since I last passed them last on the streets in September.

After a year in Rome, I bave not grown tired of its glamour, history, and magic that attracts millions of tourists to see it in all of its glory, and I left learning more than I ever thought was possible. I now stand a full inch taller, a wide vocabulary of Italian, and have a greater appreciation for the power of doing something that scares you.

One thing that's also changed for me is my appreciation for home. The people, scenery and stories that are found in this city cannot be found in any

Living in Europe at the ripe age of 18 has been the experience of a lifetime, and I hope to return back to bella Italia one day whether it be for pleasure, work, or perhaps to spend vet another year living and eating there. What I have left to tell you now is that Italy was a grand chapter of my life, and with every ending comes a new beginning.

I would like to conclude my Canadian Girl, Italian Living series by giving you all a final piece of advice - not only in Rome should one do as the Romans do, but elsewhere. Because trust me - those people really know how to live.

See MichElle's new column — Small Town Girl, Big Ideas — in next week's

## How bad can the environment get?

he forthcoming United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro (Rio+20) on June 20 to June 22 has brought out the usual warnings of environmental doom.

They have been greeted with the usual indifference: after all, there are seven billion of us now, and we're all still eating. What could possibly go

The UN Environment Program published its five-yearly Global Environmental Outlook (GEO-5) saying that significant progress has been made on only four of ninety environmental goals that were adopted at the Rio Earth Summit in 1992, "If current patterns of production and consumption of natural resources prevail," warned UNEP head Achim Steiner, "then governments will preside over unprecedented levels of damage and



Gwynne Dver AROUND THE WORLD

degradation." Yawn. Meanwhile, a team of respected scientists warn that life on Earth may be on the way to an irreversible "tipping point". Sure. Heard that one before, too.

Recently one of the world's two leading scientific journals, Nature, published a paper, "Approaching a state shift in Earth's biosphere pointing out that more than 40% of the Earth's land is already used for human needs. With the human population set to grow by a further two billion by 2050, that figure could soon exceed 50%

"It really will be a new world, biologically, at that point," said the

More than 40% of the Earth's land is already used for human needs. With the human population set to grow by a further two billion by 2050, that figure could soon exceed 50%."

paper's lead author. Prof. Anthony Barnofsky of the University of California, Berkeley. But Barnofsky doesn't go into the details of what kind of new world it might be. Scientists hardly ever do in public, for fear of being seen as panicmongers. Besides, it's a relatively new hypothesis, but it's a pretty convincing one, and it should be more widely understood. Here's how bad it could get.

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DYER

# Mass extinction looming?

#### FROM PAGE 4

The scientific consensus is that we are still on track for 3 degrees C of warming (5 degrees F) by 2100, but that's just warming caused by human greenhouse-gas emissions. The problem is that plus-3 degrees is well past the point where the major feedbacks kick in: natural phenomena triggered by our warming. like melting permafrost and the loss of Arctic seaice cover, that will add to the heating and that we

cannot turn off The trigger is actually around 2 degrees C (3.5 degrees F) higher average global temperature. After that we lose control of the process: ending our own carbon-dioxide emissions would no longer be enough to stop the warming. We may end up trapped on an escalator heading up to plus-6 degrees C (plus-10.5 degrees F), with no way of getting off. And plus-6 degrees C gives you the mass extinction There have been five

mass extinctions in the past 500 million years. when 50 percent or more of the species then existing on the Earth vanished but until recently the only people taking any interest in this were naleontologists, not climate scientists. They did wonder what had caused the extinctions, but the best answer they could come up was "climate

good answer. Why would a warmer or colder planet kill off all those species? The warming was caused by massive volcanic eruptions dumping huge quantities of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere for tens of thousands of years. But it was very gradual and the

change," It wasn't a very

animals and plants had plenty of time to migrate to climatic zones that still suited them. (That's exactly what happened more recently in the Ice Age. as the glaciers repeatedly

covered whole continents and then retreated again.) There had to be a more convincing kill mechanism than that, and the paleontologists found one when they discovered that a giant asteroid struck the planet 65 million years ago, just at the time when the dinosaurs died out in the most recent of the great extinctions. So they went

looking for evidence of huge asteroid strikes at the time of the other extinction events. They found none. What they discovered

was that there was indeed major warming at the time of all the other extinctions - and that the warming had radically changed the oceans. The currents that carry oxygen-rich cold water down to the depths shifted so that they were bringing down oxygenpoor warm water instead, and gradually the depths of the oceans became anoxic: the deep waters no longer

had any oxygen.

When that happens, the sulfur bacteria that normally live in the silt (because oxygen is poison to them) come out of hiding and begin to multiply. Eventually they rise all the way to the surface over the whole

ocean, killing all the

oxygen-breathing life.

The only problem is that things like this tend The ocean also starts emitting enormous amounts of lethal hydrogen sulfide gas that destroy the ozone layer and directly poison land-dwelling species. This has happened based independent iournalist whose articles are many times in the Earth's published in 45 countries.

Don't let it worry you. We'll all be safely dead long before it could happen again: the earliest possible date for a mass extinction. assuming that the theory is right and that we continue down our present track with emissions, would be well into the next century.

to become inevitable long before they actually happen. Tick, tock. Gwynne Dyer is a London-







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## on energy park picture painted

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PORT COLBORNE - Nyon Oil Inc. is hoping to gain the support of city council for its controversial energy park prior to a scheduled Ontario Municipal Board hearing in April.

The company's representative, MMM Group Ltd., held a public information session and made a presentation to council on Wednesday, June 13 to outline plans for the property and work that has been done in sunport of the project thus far. A brief history of the development, first proposed in 2005, was provided by MMM senior planners for the crowd. It included council's 2009 decision to deny official plan amendment and zoning changes required to build the park in Port Colborne. Nyon has appealed that decision

with the OMB. The lands are under a purchase and sale agreement with the city for development as energy-related employment

The property for the proposed energy park, split into what has been designated as Site A and B. is south of Hwy. 58A (also known as Townline Tunnel Rd.) on the east side of the Welland Canal

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and B and Concession 3 acting as the southern boundary.

According to the most recent conceptual designs, presented on Wednesday, the north end of the property would be used for a petroleum tank system for

storage and distribution. The first phase of the development would see 24 tanks installed - each 16 metres

high with a 15.9-million-litre capacity. If the full build is completed. depending on demand, there

will be 58 tanks in total. South of the tanks will be a solar farm for producing solar energy and space to develop other green industries. The Babion Woodlot on the property would remain undeveloped.

Project manager Diana Santo said the lands in question have the attributes that businesses want, as they offer convenient access to road, water and rail transportation links. Petroleum products would be

brought to Port Colborne by rail and water transport, and would leave for distribution by truck and train. Nyon has arranged to use Dock 10 of the Welland

Canal, near the northern part of Site A, for transportation

An underground piping system would be constructed to carry fuel directly from the ships to the storage tanks on the property.

Containment for the petroleum would be developed surrounding the tanks and contingencies put in place should the ground ever become contami nated, said senior planner Kristy Shortall A fire safety plan and emer-

ency plan, to be reviewed by Port Colborne's fire chief, would also be required as part of a site plan agreement. Santo outlined different types

of green industry that Nyon will look to attract to the prop erty, including, for example, manufacturing of enzymes and enzyme products, metal recycling and biofuels. Several renderings were cre-

ated to scale and shown to the public on Wednesday night to provide an idea of what the development would look like From Hwy. 140, for instance,

from surrounding areas a natural berm and topography

already in place provide little view of the proposed facility, which Santo said "won't be unattractive for people visiting Port Colborne.\* When looking at the farm from across the canal in Dain City, the buildings "will be vis-

ible, but won't be dominating in terms of the horizon." Santo There would be "significant

separations" between the residential properties and the park. due in part to the width of the Welland Canal, she added.

Also shared during the pre-

sentation were photos of solar

MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo

MMM Group Ltd. project manager Diana Santo is pictured with one of many poster boards that were on display in Port Colborne council chambers Wednesday night outlining Nyon Oil Inc.'s plans for an energy park.

> and tank farms from other areas, many with residential neighbourboods nearby. Several of the other tank

farms referenced include separations from residential homes that were "significantly less" than that of the proposed Port Colborne project, she added. Shortall then took time to out-

line various studies conducted for the project, including a noise impact study, traffic impact study, air emissions compliance assessment, archeological study, floodplain assessment, hydrogeological report, groundwater impact and environmental management plan, and an implementation plan. Nyon is expected to submit a

geotechnical study on the property by the end of this month and an environmental impact study by the end of the year. The city will determine which

of the studies submitted by Nyon require peer review. Port Colborne will submit a list of consultants to do the work and Nyon will foot the bill for the peer reviews to take places.

"We're working with the city's team on a co-operative basis to move the application forward," Shortall told the crowd. "We intend to come back

in early 2013 to seek council's support." Shortall said of Nyon's application, adding the hope is to move forward co-operatively prior to the scheduled April OMB hearing.

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## Tank farm proposal draws neighbours' concerns

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PORT COLBORNE - Concerned neighbours of a proposed Port Colborne energy park development came looking for answers from Nyon Oil Inc. on June

There were plenty of questions fielded from the city council chambers gallery following a presentation made to elected officials by the company's representative,

MMM Group Ltd. The presentation outlined plans and reviewed various studies conducted thus far for the project.

Several issues were raised by residents who feel they'll be affected if construction moves forward. Noise and traffic issues, as well as impacts on property values, came into question.

Ouestions also arose of what Nyon would give back to the community if allowed to build in Port Colbome.

While efforts will be made to mitigate any poise concerns, a recently conducted study determined sound levels, including those produced by pumps, trains, trucks and ships the energy park requires, meet day and night sound-level limits set by the Ministry of Environment, said MMM senior planner Kristy Shortall.

As for traffic, impacts will depend on the access route the development is able to use. The developer's preferred access is off Hwy. 140, Shortall said. If access is granted from Hwy. 140, the highway and surrounding intersections will "operate at acceptable levels until 2024" with only minor modifications required

During the meeting, Nyon sought support from councillors for use of Hwy. 140 as an access point, though approval from the Ministry of Transportation is still required. As it would impact fewer residents, council agreed to support the

Councillors were assured by Cecil Vincent, Port Colhorne's manager of strategic projects and corporate strategic initiatives, that supporting the motion does not obligate them to support the application for the development when it

Alternative access routes being looked at include Forkes Rd., Concession Rd. 2 and Concession Rd. 3. If an alternate mute must be used, studies will be conducted

before the development is finalized If improvements are required on one of the alternative access routes, the city would expect to work with the developer to "share the costs appropriately." Vincent

As for the benefits the development would bring to Port Colborne, Vincent said in addition to taxes paid by the business and jobs created in the community. a revenue-sharing agreement was negoti-

ated when the land was sold. The agreement "is extensive," said Mayor Vance Badawey, not going into

any further detail. favours hiring local and plans to do just that if the energy park moves forward. He also plans to take advantage of the local

Nyon president Gordon Baker said he ET TO CAMP bath and nail snip 3 night stay

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The city is working with developers to create a property protection agreement to address any negative impacts the energy park may cause to neighbouring property

owners. Vincent said. Though nothing has been solidified the agreement will likely see assessments made by certified appraisers who will determine how much homes in the area would be worth if not for the nearby industry, said Tom Richardson, the city's

The effect, if any, the development will have on property values bas yet to be determined. If a bome is sold for less

be expected to cover the difference, Richardson said. The agreement will also have to provide for situations where a home cannot be sold due to the proxim-

After referencing in the presentation tank farms found near residential neighbourhoods in other municipalities, one resident questioned which came first, the bomes or the tanks. "In some cases it was the homes,

in others it was the tanks," Shortall responded.

number of complaints received about tank farms in communities that exist near residential properties.

Project manager Diana Santo, of MMM, said they had not, but it's a factor they will look into going forward.

Butters also questioned whether insurance companies could be contacted to determine whether house insurance of neighbouring homes would be affected should the development move forward. Nvon's representatives plan to be back in council chambers in early 2013 to seek





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■ PERMISSIVE GRANTS: Sharing \$20,000 pot

## Port hydro energizes community groups

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PORT COLBORNE - Port Colborne Hydro Inc. opened its wallet to the community, providing \$20,000 in permissive grants to various organizations.

The grants, handed out twice a year, are monies received by Port Colborne Hydro through dividends from Canadian Niagara Power, Groups submitted proposals for funding.

The Royal Canadian Air Cadets 79th Lynton Davies Squadron in Port Colborne received \$1,500 to assist with the purchase of a flight simulator: Boys and Girls Club of Niagara received \$1,000 for its Kid Zone and Teen Zone programs. which operate out of Port Colborne; French Golden Age Club received \$3,000 to update its kitchen equipment; Navy League of Canada received \$2,900 to update officer and cadet uniforms.

Also, Showboat Festival Theatre received \$500 to assist in bringing professional productions to the lakeside city: Port Colborne Concert Band received \$2,750 for its concert series that begins the first Thursday in July at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park: Women's Place of South Niagara received \$250 to assist women and children who have escaped domestic violence; Niagara Antique Power Association received \$1,000 to assist with roof repairs on three of its historic buildings; Port Cares received \$3,500 for its Reaching Out and Changing Lives capital campaign; Port Colborne Feline Initiative received \$1,000 for its Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR) program; and Port Colborne Minor Baseball Association received \$2,600 to



equipment.



■ FARMING: Largest egg producer hatched in Wainfleet

# **One egg-cellent expansion**

BOB I IDDYCOAT For InPort News

WAINFLEET - The largest opera tion of its kind in Canada now resides in Wainfleet, ever since the owners

of Chaudary Poultry Farm decided to invest in a major expansion. The egg-producing farm on Abbey

Rd. was acquired by Akhtar Chaudary in 1980. Under the management of his son,

Imran, the operation completed a huge leap in stature on Saturday, June 9 with a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark its growth. The farm will be fully functional within two weeks. Imran Chaudary said the farm

housed 21,000 chickens when his dad took over in 1980

"With this expansion we can how house over 112,000 birds," he added.

"We have acquired the biggest and best technology in this field from Germany and Holland."

An expanded mobile packing operation employs more than 40 local

Local builders, such as Harthill Contracting, were employed during

the construction phase He said the Wainfleet operation houses the most birds allowed but while providing them with

more space than mandated by the government. From the farm, eggs go to Burnbrae Farms, which is responsible for grad-

ing and distributing them. "We've been here 32 years serving and doing the best we can for the community," said the younger Chaudary "and we hope to be here for at least 32 more."

### Finding it Hard to Breathe ?

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CHRISTOPHER'S PIZZA

### Despite recent heat St. Therese kids say skating can't be beat

VICTORIA GRAY InPort News Staff skates a few years ago, but

he really wants to skate again

and play hockey with his the 'Dogs," John said. "It's friends. PenFinancial Credit Union's PORT COLBORNE - John program Skates for Kids, and Richardson outgrew his ice The Niagara IceDogs, plan to help make that happen.

going to be so cool!" The Grade 7 St. Therese Catholic Elementary School student whooped and hollered along with 230 other "I really want to skate with students as Josh Juhlke, program co-ordinator of Skates for Kids and a PenFinancial Credit Union employee. announced at an assembly Monday morning that the school had been chosen to participate in the Skates for

"We don't have a branch in Port Colborne so (amassing the ice skates) might be difficult, but the principal is excellent and we're setting up

community drop-off points. Juhlke said. "I think it will be a breeze though and hopefully we'll be able to make more commu-

nity partners in Port Colborne and set up other programs as the years go on.

Skates for Kids collects gently used ice skates and helmets for elementary schools with a high percentage of families living on or

below the poverty line. see COMMUNITY | page 11



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### ■ COMMUNITY: Skates for Kids program comes to Port Colborne



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Bones and Niagara IceDogs community relations co-ordinator Brianne Whitty help PenFinancial Credit Union announce to St. Therese Catholic Elementary school students they will receive ice skates in September. The school is the first in Port Colborne to become part of the Skates for Kids program.

### Giving kids a chance for fun

### FROM PAGE 10

"We tend focus on the bare necessities and we overlook the fun, great parts of life," Juhike said of the importance of the credit union program. "We want to give the kide as happen to have come fun"

the kids a chance to have some fun."
Every student will also receive tickets to a Niagara IceDogs exhibition game in September and skate with the 'Dogs players in October.

Principal Bonnie Tkac-Feetham said it just made sense for her school to apply for the program because the now Vale Health and Wellness Centre is within walking distance from the school. "Physical activity is really important

and the city offers family free skates fairly often, so hopefully this encourages them to be active," she said.

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## **Catholic board more tolerant to tattoos**

InPort News Staff

WELLAND - Catholic school dress codes next year won't be as strict as some students and parents had feared. Niagara Catholic District School Board passed a revised dress code for secondary schools Tuesday, June 12 at its final board meeting of the academic year.

wanted a significant rewrite of the (proposed) elementary school dress code," education director John Crocco said in an interview Wednesday

The policy committee decided the high school uniform policy would go to the committee of the whole and board and they would re-yet the elementary policy. The board plans to give the ning of October to comment of the issue online, over the phone or in person. See more at www.niagaracatholic.ca.

The secondary school dress code still calls for modesty. but will allow students to have nose studs and some visible tattoos. The policy states, "visible tattooing and branding which is inappropriate,

which contains an offensive or inappropriate message, advertisement or slogan are prohibited."

"We were hearing students saying, 'I have a tattoo of a butterfly on my ankle, it's not hurting anyone,' or someone has a heart on their hand. those kinds of tattoos are permitted." Crocco said. Sweaters or hoodie school

redesigned for three years, but the board added a

standard school practice into the

won't be

policy sweaters or

Uniform suppliers will now limit the number of accessories available to 10 and will also give discounts to families with two or more children or who spend \$100 on uniforms for their family, no matter what Catholic school they attend in the region.

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#### **■ FNVIRONMENT**

## **Board puts cork in bottled water buying**

VICTORIA GRAY

ing Tuesday. June 12 that

states the board will no

longer sell disposable water InPort News Staff on its properties. Schools have a year to WELLAND - Disposable install hydration stations or plastic water bottles will refit drinking fountains with soon disappear from local Catholic schools

taller spouts for filling bottles by September 2013. Niagara Catholic District "We believe and acknowl-School Board trustees passed edge there is universal access a policy at their board meetto potable water that is clean and safe and friendly to the

environment," education

an interview. "The water from the tan in

Niagara is completely safe." Many schools already have hydration stations, and many students and staff members have already switched to reusable water containers on

their own Crocco said the initiative is another in a long list of envi-

We believe and acknowledge there is universal access to potable water that is clean and safe and friendly to the environment."

John Crocco ronmentally conscious projects the board and individual schools have taken on Schools will make reusable bottles available to students.

but that does not mean students can't bring disposable bottles from home. Crocco said students would "certainly" be allowed to use

them, they just won't be sold on school property.

If a water advisory came into effect or municipal water sources are deemed unsafe for any reason. schools would be supplied bottled water until the advisory is lifted.

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Both grapefruit juice (either fresh or frozen) and the fruit itself can affect certain medications and the effects have been seen with as little as one 8-ounce (250 mL) glass of grapefruit juice. The effects of grapefruit juice on medications can last up to 3 days, so taking them at different times of day will not help. Naturally sweet grange juice has not been shown to affect medications the way grapefruit juice does, but tangelos (which are related to grapefruit), lime juice, and Seville (sour) oranges may affect medications.

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CANAL DAYS

InPort News Staff Celtic PORT COLBORNE - A Celtic-themed celebration is in store for the 34th annual Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival

The city expects to welcome more than 300 000 visitors over the civic holiday weekend in August.

VICTORIA GRAY

This year's Sunday market square entertainment begins at 1 p.m. with The Sheridan Band. The Irish-Canadian family gives it their all with high-energy traditional Celtic music that's sure to have the crowd stompin' their feet.

The Seasick Sailors take the stage at 2:15 p.m. This Celtic folk rock band plays original tunes

and covers favourites that tell stories everyone At 3:30 p.m. Liam and the Kitchen Party Band take to the stage, featuring 12-year-old fiddler

Liam McGlashan of Hamilton. The Dole Tinkers perform at 4:15 p.m. and will deliver Cettic grunge tunes. The band mixes slower traditional Cettic music with more fastpaced Celtic beats

The market square will be closed after the show to allow everyone a chance to enjoy fireworks over the canal along West St.









VISION & HEARING CARE



### **■ WATER:** Shortage warnings Teen pitches Blue Communities

MARYANNE FIRTH InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE - Robyn Hamlyn wants to see Port Colborne feeling blue. Now, she's not looking to dampen spirits, but rather heighten community awareness in the lakeside city about the world's

water problem. The 13-year-old Kingston resident has been making the rounds to municipal councfl chambers across Ontario, sharing a plan to fight what she calls an impending fresh water shortage and asking municipalities to join



the growing list of Blue Communities - a proj

ect launched by the Council of Canadians Hamlyn is hoping Ontario councils will support the project by recognizing water as a human right; promoting publicly financed, owned and operated water and wastewater services; and banning the sale of bottled water in public facilities and at

municipal events She's met with representatives from 16 municipalities thus far, with several agreeing to commit to one, two or all of her recommendations

"I'm on a mission," Hamlyn told Port Colborne council confidently on Monday

Although she knows it will take time, she hopes to see municipal and eventually provincial and federal officials come on

board with the plan. "I'm asking you to help me save our world," said the well-spoken eighth-grader.

"I can't do this without you. Ward 2 Coun. Yvon Doucet, who sits on the city's environmental committee, said he agrees with the cause and would like to see city council implement Hamlyn's

recommendations Ward 1 Coun, Bill Steele raised concerns about banning bottled water at municipal events, particularly Canal Days Marine

Heritage Festival. Before agreeing to such a request, inves-

tigation would have to be done on how to police such a ban and how to provide alternative options to replace the sale of

bottled water, he said. He asked that the resolutions be referred to staff, who could then appropriately word

them to suit the city

Ward 4 Coun. Barbara Butters questioned whether the recommendations could be phased in over a period of time to help ease any transition, particularly with

the sale of bottled water The resolutions were passed in principle but were referred to staff to bring a report forward in July To learn more about the Blue Communities Project, visit www.canadi-

ans.org/water/issues/Blue\_Communities maryanne.firth@sunmedia.ca Twitter: @mfirthTribune

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE** 

### **Proposed Community Improvement Plan** Niagara's Gateway Economic Zone and Centre

### Purpose of the Open House

The purpose of this Public Open House is to present the proposed draft Community Improvement Plan for Niagara's Gateway Economic Zone and Centre. and to receive comments and answer questions from the public regarding the proposal.

The Public Open House will be held:

Wednesday, June 27, 2012 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Committee Room 2A & 2B City of Niagara Falls 4310 Queen Street Niagara Falls, ON L2E 6X5

What is the Purpose and Effect of the Proposed **Gateway Community Improvement Plan?** 

The purpose of preparing a Gateway Community Improvement Plan (CIP) for the Niagara Gateway Economic Zone and Centre is to provide a comprehensive framework for the introduction and implementation of financial incentive programs; and municipal leadership actions designed to help accomplish the goals identified in the Province's Growth Plan, and the Niagara Gateway Economic Zone and Centre Final Report for the employment lands within the Niagara Gateway Economic Zone and Centre. The Community Improvement Plan is intended to be complementary to the policies within the proposed Regional Policy Plan Amendment for Niagara's Gateway Economic Zone and Centre in order to support economic development and job creation.

The Proposed Gateway Economic Zone generally comprises employment lands within the municipalities of Niagara Falls, Port Colborne, Thorold, Welland, and Fort Erie, and the Gateway Economic Centre comprises employment lands within the municipalities of Port Colborne, Welland and Thorold.

### Have Your Sav

Public input on this proposal is welcomed and encouraged. The Open House is being held to obtain your view. You can provide your input by attending the Open House where comment sheets will be made available. Representatives from the Region, their consultants and the respective local municipality will be present to answer questions and discuss the next steps in the Gateway Community Improvement Plan.

### Next Steps

It is the intent that following this Open House that Regional Council would be asked to consider endorsement of a Community Improvement Plan that would be circulated to each of the five local municipalities. Each of the five local municipalities (Cities of Niagara Falls, Port Colborne, Thorold and Welland, and the Town of Fort Erie) would present a common or similar CIP to their Council for consideration consistent with Planning Act and/ or local Official Plan requirements, which would involve the holding of a mandatory public meeting. Details of the proposed CIP can be found at http:// www.niagararegion.ca/government/committees/ economic-zone-minutes.aspx.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact: Kirk Weaver, Director, Community and Corporate Planning, Integrated Community Planning Department at: 905 685-4225 ext. 3727 or kirk.weaver@niagararegion.ca.

If you require any accommodations for a disability in order to attend and participate in the Open House, please contact the Accessibility Advisory Co-ordinator at 905-685-4225 ext. 3252, as soon as possible, or accessibility@niagararegion.ca to make the appropriate arrangements.

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■ HISTORY: Practising the right to conscientious objection to war

## oted peace during War of 1812

LINDSAY COSTELLO For InPort News PORT COLBORNE -Peaceful practices of the past were highlighted recently as

those opposed to the War of

1812 were celebrated.

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Mennonite and Quaker churches erected a series of plagues to be dedicated on Sunday at various locations throughout the region in recognition of the churches' conscientious objection to

About 30 people gathered on Sunday, June 10 for a worship service at the archival building on the grounds of the Port Colborne Marine and Historical Museum prior to the dedication.

Niagara Quaker meeting clerk Rob Nunn read the plaque's text, which outlines events that unfolded as a result of the peace testimony to reject war and practice

nonviolence. The government of

Upper Canada recognized the peace churches' right to conscientious objection to war in 1793 and many Ouakers refused to serve in or provide material support to the War of 1812 as a

"The plaque is just one more way of expressing that peace is known to us, said Don Alexander of the Niagara Peninsula Ouaker meeting.

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## Niagara area drew conscientious objectors to war

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Located near the southwest corner of the museum grounds, the plaque text includes a 1693 quote from Quaker William Penn: "A lithis it's an important partofour history," Alexander

evil said, stating peace-seeking and peace-practicing settlers e of were drawn to the Niagara love area because of the number of people here who believed tant in conscientious objection to Don Woodside of the Hamilton Quaker Meeting said commemorating the peace practices is important because it is an aspect of war that can be easily lost among the celebration of the battles.

bicentennial and highlight a movement from the past, Woodside said the message on the plaques is one that can be carried forward. you have to make peace," he said.

Additional peace plaques were dedicated on Sunday and can be found in Bertie, Vipeland and St. Catharines.

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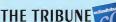
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## Pitch made for free downtown parking

MARYANNE FIRTH InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE -The Downtown Business Improvement Association believes free parking is key to drawing customers into the heart of Port Colborne. Board representatives appeared before city coun-

cil Monday, June 11 to sbare the BIA's stance. City staff brought forward a report in January that outlined a plan to replace Port Colborne's old mechanical parking meters with digital meters and pay-and-display machines. The item was deferred to allow further discussions between the BIA and the city.

report will come forward next month including further recom menda-

tions and Mayne all input received

from the public. To further investigate options, the BIA formed a parking committee and conducted discussions with its membership to gain consensus Discussions were also had with other Ontario BIAs that have seen both free parking and pay-anddisplay machines imple-

mented in their downtowns. PortColborne'sDowntown BIA wants to ultimately see parking meters removed and two bours of courtesy parking put in place instead, said parking committee chair Mike Hopper.

The group proposed a oneyear trial run that would see downtown meters bagged with a message about the

complimentary parking. "This will allow customers to relax as they shop without worrying about the parking meters," Hopper told council. It will help "create a pleasing and welcoming atmosphere for customers' to encourage them to shop downtown, he added.

The BIA has also recom-

mended that busy corner spaces be designated with a 15-minute time limit to

encourage quick turnover. As for enforcement. handicapped spaces and fire routes will be "stringently enforced," but parking enforcement would oth-

erwise be done on a complaint-only basis, Hopper said. Merchants, he said. will "self-monitor" park-ing to ensure traffic flow

If shoppers are downtown and they exceed allotted two hours, merchants won't mind because "we want people in town spending money," Hopper said. If there are long-time viola-

tors, a "friendly note" can be put on their car to encourage them to use one of the long-term parking lots the next time they're in town, he

The BIA has recommended increasing parking fines to discourage frequent violators - many of who Hopper said are downtown employees and tenants and to assist with revenue lost with the decommissioning of the meters.

The city's current expired meter parking fine is \$10 -\$8 if paid before a specified date. The BIA would like to see that amount increase to

While the BIA does not have hard evidence of how

paid parking affects busi nesses downtown, it has "lots of anecdotal evidence" heard from business owners and customers in the city's core, said BIA board

member Gary Talosi BIA member Mickey Mayne, who also gave a presentation Monday night, did not agree with all of the group's recommendations. Instead, she hopes to see metered parking continue in the city.

Two hours of courtesy parking is "very difficult to enforce" and more time consuming to enforce than the traditional meter method. Mayne sald.

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## 'Keep parking fair, simple and consistent'

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Merchants shouldn't make the call, she added, on who can and cannot park in a space for extended periods

"You can't choose between confusion, while parking who does and doesn't get

a ticket. It doesn't work that way," she said, adding there's no way to truly identify who is downtown to shop or downtown for other That method can cause

meters are "non-judgmental

and universally understood." "I'm asking you to keep parking fair, simple and con-sistent," Mayne told council.

She also asked councillors to consider the revenue generated by paid parking. In 2011, the city gener- enue-neutral, it's revenueated \$30,180 through park-

ing enforcement, including \$21,430 for meter collection and \$8,750 for parking fine collection.

Enforcement for the entire city costs \$26,000. "Though it appears revgenerating because it pays for parking enforcement through the entire city." Mayne said. Both presentations were accepted for information by council and will be included in next month's report.

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You can't choose between who does and doesn't get a ticket. It doesn't work that way."

Mickey Mayne

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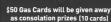








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This coming from a customer who had tried every other natural remedy under the sun in the past few years to take away her pain, lan, the owner of The Healthy Cupboard couldn't believe his ears. He had finally found the perfect product to stop his oustomer's miseries.

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People notice great results in terms of more energy and less pain by taking anywhere from 2 to 6 capsulestday. Typical maintenance is usually 1 capsule twice deily. This product gets results! LeafSource is scientifically validated through more that Operand research at autoretists, notices that the Operand reside of Paramaseutical Science, the Operand reside of Science and Paramaseutical Science, and the Operand residency and pain reducing ability. It has do been shown to improve the performance of the Operand residency and the Operand residen



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